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THE WEATHER.

LOCAL BULLETIN.—At 12:05 p.m. to-day the thermometer registered 75; at 12:07 p.m., 70, and at 1:07 p.m., 69. Barometer for corresponding periods, 30.08, 30.01, 30.04. Maximum temperature, 71.0, minimum, 48.0. Weather at 7:07 p.m., clear.

The Times.

Office—Temple, Main and New High.

LIEUT. HENRY has just discovered that it was a glass egg.

The Indian as a cowboy is the latest Washington invention.

WIGGINS has lost his grip and his popularity. The very earthquake availed him.

THE DOW LAW, Ohio's temperance enactment, has met the enemy and is theirs.

THE GALATEA knows when she has enough. In this case she has enough beforehand.

JEFF DAVIS has the epistolary means again. He should dictate his epistles feelings under the pretense of silence.

AN EMBEZING CASHIER named GORD has just been sentenced to ten years in the Maine State's prison. He was only二十四.

ONLY two days more to register, and Republicans are not doing their duty as they ought. The rolls close to-morrow night.

PASADENA is justly proud over the completion of her first street-car line. She is boasting with an extraordinary bonhomie.

THE MASTERS of county Clare prove too many for the minions of the law. Men of the house are probably well disciplined there.

MR. BARTLETT is said to be so badly broken up by the exposure of his secessions in the past that he will not even "bolt" his door when he goes to bed.

THE WESTERN KNIGHTS of Labor have decided that the strike must go. The consens of the best political economists is that labor can find a more advantageous way of settling its difficulties.

MASONIC OFFICERS ELECTED.—The General Grand Chapter of Roya Arch Masons to-day elected the following officers: General Grand High Priest; David A. Day, of Buffalo, N. Y., Deputy General Grand High Priest; Joseph H. Horner, of New Orleans, General Secretary; George C. Cahan, of Baltimore, General Grand Secretary; G. A. B. A., that he (Shaman) had a letter in Davis's writing to the effect that he was crowded and was asked his verdict, which I shall do without the least apprehension that it will be favorable to me.

THE STRIKE, like the Boycott, to be a thing of the past. Sr. Louis, September 30.—The Knights of Labor of the West, and particularly those in St. Louis, have decided that the strike, like the boycott, go, and that it will no longer be recognized as a necessity. While this important decision is not publicly known, yet it is known that the Knights of Labor have decided to make a record made during the year, to entitle it to be received at the offices of the Grand Duke Michael stakes at New market, to-day, was won by St. Louis.

THE NEWMARKET October handicap was won by Springfield; Scotland second; Camdens third.

THE FIRST TRAIN.—It is stated in the Treasury Department that to-day there has been a decrease of nearly \$11,000,000 in the publ debt during September.

THE PRESIDENT to-day appointed John M. Lane, of California, to be interpreter to the United States Consul General at Kanagawa, Japan.

Mrs. O'LEARY and Mr. Folsom have gone to Buffalo, N. Y., for a visit of about ten days.

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NEW HAVEN, Sept. 30.—At 10:10 this morning the telegraph operator at Bradford reported a slight earthquake, which had been felt at that place. At the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine works in Bridgeport shocks were distinctly felt, the windows the shop being severely rattled.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—It was said that shucks fell in Westchester county and portions of Eastern Connecticut the morning of to-day to the explosion of powder at Bay Chester, Westchester county.

BARTON-ON-THE-SOUND, N. Y., Sept. 30.—A terrible explosion occurred at the Pittman's factory at Bay Chester, on the Hudson river branch of the New York and New Haven Railroad, at 10 o'clock this morning, resulting in the instant death of four men employed in the factory. The explosion occurred in the packing-house, about 200 yards from the main factory, where the bulk of the giant-powder and nitroglycerine is manufactured.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAMBERS ASSOCIATION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Max Gruber, foreman of the works, says the explosion was caused by two men shooting into the building. He was in the packing house at the time. Some said they were shooting squirrels. He says he threatened them with arrest, when they became impudent and the explosion occurred. The main factory of the Pittman's was nearly wrecked.

HEMISPHEREOUGH.

THE GALATEA'S Skipper Will Not Tackle the Mayflower.

MARSHALL, Sept. 30.—The wind is high, the northeast. The yachts will not race, and the race between the Mayflower and Galatea is now supposed to be off for good.

BOSTON, Sept. 30.—Boston and Marquette, which had been engaged to-day in the match race between the Mayflower and Galatea, will be sailed.

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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

For Governor... JOHN F. SWIFT,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.
For Lieutenant Governor... W. H. PATTERSON,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:
Long Term (2 years)... V. H. B. PATTERSON,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Short Term... T. B. McFARLAND,
OF SACRAMENTO.

For State Auditor... W. H. HAMILTON,
OF ALAMEDA.

For State Treasurer... J. E. DENNY,
OF TULARE.

For State Treasurer... J. E. NEFF,
OF PLACER.

For Attorney General... W. H. HART,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

For Surveyor General... THOS. REEDHORN,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

For Sup. Pub. Works... J. E. BOYNTON,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

For Clerk Supreme Court... JAMES A. ORR,
OF PLACER.

For Register of Corporations...

Third District... JAMES W. RHEA,
OF SANTA CLARA.

For State Board of Education...

Fourth District... M. D. HAMILTON,
OF SAN DIEGO.

Congressional Ticket.

For Congress... ED. G. WARDEN,
OF FORTYTHREE.

Legislative Ticket.

For Senator:
20th District... HENRY T. HAZARD,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

For Assemblyman:
16th District... JOHN B. BEELEY,
OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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Township Ticket.

For County Clerk... J. M. THORNTON,
OF H. C. A. C. T. S.

For Township Constable... M. G. AGUIRRE.

For City Constable... H. S. CLEMENT.

The Reason of It.

To what extent is a newspaper justified in investigating the private life of a candidate for office? The question has been much mooted, but like other questions of conscience, it must be settled by every newspaper for itself—for a newspaper has a conscience, or ought to have. The expression which the Times made yesterday of the gross and indefensible licentiousness of Walter S. Moore, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, brings up the question anew, and our neighbor, the Express (on the wrong side of this moral question, it is on the wrong side of almost everything), takes it up to task for it. The position of the Express is epitomized in the following paragraph from an article which it quotes, withusion, from the San Francisco Examiner:

The Examiner recognizes that there are certain social sins, however much they are to be disapproved of, from a moral standpoint, that are not incompatible with honesty and uprightness. With indiscrimination, that character the Examiner does not propose to deal.

We submit that this is not a square a many way of meeting a question of conscience. It merely dodges the responsibility, because it is inconvenient or dangerous, or unpopular to meet it face to face. It presupposes that all society is so rotten at the core that no man is to be held accountable for social sins.

Following this line of reasoning, let us imagine that a charmed circle is drawn around the one sin of licentiousness.

"However much it is to be disapproved from a moral standpoint," says the Express, "it is not incompatible with either honesty or uprightness." Of course our great code of moral ethics contains a clause which says "Thou shall not commit adultery"; and God himself has pronounced a curse which punishes the offenders of this law, to the third and fourth generations; but (pursuing the sophistry) we will say that this "don'ts" count. The sin is popular.

"Nearly everybody is licentious," say these obtuse reasoners, "and it won't do to bring that up against a man; custom makes law." Here is one sin, at any rate, that is not incompatible with several essential traits of character. By a slight stretch of conscience, and some mere oblique reasoning, we shall have slight difficulty in drawing a charmed circle about lying.

Then we may ring out, and blamphony, and drunkenness and false swearing. It's all an easy matter, as easy as sin itself—as any drawing one's conscience in the pool of utter degradation. But, when this is all accomplished, what becomes of mankind? Is there anything desirable left to the soul?

Now we return to the question: To what extent is a newspaper justified in investigating the private life of a

candidate for office? Is it permissible to look into his private life, as all? Most assuredly it is. If a man is a thief, a defrauder, a gambler, it is proper that the public should be informed of it. Such a man is not fit to be placed in a position of public trust. If he is not a gambler, a thief, or a defrauder, but is guilty of kindred vices which will lead to social disrepute, then, it is not just as proper that the public be made aware of the fact?

And, by the way, what is a public officer? A public servant—an employee of the people. What is a candidate for office? An applicant for employment. Why does the candidate present himself a month or more before the date of election? In order that the public employer may examine him to see if he is worthy of the place. Now, we will suppose that the applicant presents himself for employment, not to the public, but to a single individual—a merchant or a banker. Has that merchant or banker a right to require from him credentials of good moral character before employing him? Most assuredly he has; and any merchant or banker who failed to do so would be considered foolhardy and a ready victim of knavery. Now, a popular young man, a jovial young man, a half-fellow-well-made young man, comes to banker A and applies for the position of teller. It is not denied that this young blade has been a hard drinker hitherto; it is well understood that his accounts were not quite regular in the last position he held; it is an open secret that he has been consorting with lewd women in defiance of all public decency. Good recommendations, surely! Does banker A employ this half-fellow-well-made young man, and entrust him with the funds of his bank and deposit upon him to maintain the honor, the integrity and dignity of his house?

Ladies and gentlemen of the State of California, he does not.

This suggests the query as to where the line should be drawn between banker A and the public. There can scarcely be any sound business principle to govern the course of the one that should not apply to the other. If there is any difference, the public ought to be rather the more circumspect and exacting, for the banker may be able to keep a personal supervision over his teller, while the public must trust its servant unwatched.

It is granted, then, that the public as an employer has a right to investigate the character of the man who seeks his service, how shall the public inform itself in this matter? Certainly there is no more efficacious way than through the newspaper. The newspaper is the public mind—the vehicle of public thought. As well as to the banker to come to a conclusion about his teller without exposing his reason—as to ask the public to investigate a man without its news paper.

It is proper for the public to know whether or no its world-beater is a connoisseur with hawks. It is proper for the newspaper to give the fullest information in its possession.

CAMPAIGN SONGS

On the Los Angeles Swift Club,
A. E. Currie, Composer.

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He's promised to defeat!
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And when November 3 comes round—
Show Bartlett he will not be found—
Show him under deep!

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